

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. An electronic equipment comprising:
 - a main display section;
 - an auxiliary display section which displays status information of the electronic equipment;
 - 10 a plurality of buttons provided above and/or below the auxiliary display section; and
 - a controller which displays definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding
 - 15 to each of the plurality of buttons, depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment.

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2. The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of buttons include one mode select button which instructs the operation mode, and a plurality of application buttons having
- 25 instructing contents which differ depending on the operation mode.

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3. The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of buttons are all provided above or below the auxiliary display
- section.

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4. The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

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5. A status display control apparatus for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display section, an auxiliary display section, and a plurality of buttons provided above and/or below the auxiliary display section, comprising:

a controller which displays the status information in the auxiliary display section, and displays definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment.

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6. The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

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7. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to display status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display section, an auxiliary display section, and a plurality of buttons provided above and/or below the auxiliary display section, said program comprising:

5 a control procedure which causes the computer to display the status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment.

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8. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 7, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

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